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Charlie Wolf has suggested that a seminar meet to discuss the issues raised by my recent D-19205-ARPA, "Infeasible Aims and the Politics of Stalemate" (Working Notes on Vietnam No. 9). The general subject would be actual U.S. political aims and strategy in Vietnam, feasible and otherwise; a later discussion, if there is sufficient interest, would deal with specific alternative goals, based upon papers to be produced. Background and starting points for the discussion will be (in addition to D-19205) D-19127, "Vu Van Thai on U.S. Aims and Intervention in Vietnam" and D-18958, "Critical Postures on U.S. Decision-Making in Vietnam" (Working Notes on Vietnam Nos. 2 and 4). (Thai may be available, for this and a later discussion).

The aim is not only to promote discussion at Rand, but specifically to help me develop and improve my analysis in these areas. If you are moved to be thus helpful, and have read one or more of the above papers critically, and would be interested to participate in a seminar discussion, please inform my secretary, Carleen Abel, Ext. 7783, and come to the Resource Analysis Conference Room (Cost, Room 3760) on Monday, September 29th at 2:00 p.m. (If anyone would care to present contrary views formally, let me know and we'll arrange it; that could make the session more lively.)

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